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DURHAM, N.H. - The University of New Hampshire and American Independence Museum in Exeter have partnered to offer a spring lecture series about democracy.

The lectures will be held at 7 p.m. on March 12, March 19 and March 26, in the Folsom Tavern Assembly Room at the American Independence Museum, One Governor's Lane, Exeter. Sponsored by the UNH Speakers Bureau and the museum, the series is free and open to the public.

Three UNH faculty members will take part in the lecture series. Eliga Gould, associate professor of history, will open the series March 12 with a presentation on the Constitutional Convention of 1787. Taking place in Philadelphia, the convention was designed to address problems in the United States of America following independence from Great Britain.

On March 19, R. Scott Smith, assistant professor of classics, will discuss "What is Democracy and is it 'The One'?" Using comparisons of Ancient Greece and modern Iraq, Smith will discuss how democracy is not the only ingredient for prosperity, nor is it the only form of government that can lead to equality and freedom.

Jennifer Borda, assistant professor of communications, will conclude the series March 26 with her discussion of "The Rhetorical Presidency." Borda will discuss how president's words and ideas have the ability to motivate people to action; to provide a rationale and justification for political decisions; to foster communities within the United States and the world; and to ethically set a moral tone for who we are as a nation.

For more information, contact museum program coordinator Elizabeth Pappas at (603) 772-2622, or visit the museum website at <http://www.independencemuseum.org/default.asp>.

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